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SUBJECT: GUYANESE OBSERVE CHILEAN SOLIDARITY WEEK

1. THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT, ITS RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) PARTY AND THE OPPOSITION MOSCOW-ORIENTED PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) ARE ACTIVELY EXPRESSING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE "WEEK OF WORLD SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CHILE", SEPTEMBER 4-11. THE PNC GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY ON SEPT 4 AT THE MONUMENT OF FREEDOM IN GEORGETOWN TO MARK THE START OF CHILEAN SOLIDARITY WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT OWNED "GUYANA CHRONICLE", MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHLEIGH JACKSON IN THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE CEREMONY CALLED ALLENDE "A MAN OF HIGH IDEALS AND A HERO OF REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD." WREATHS WERE LAID AT THE MONUMENT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PNC, THE SECURITY SERVICES AND THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS. THE PPP DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT CEREMONY.

2. ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESSIVE YOUTH
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ORGANIZATION (PYO), THE YOUTH ARM OF THE PPP, PICKETED THIS EMBASSY FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS ON SEPT 6. THE DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED PLACARDS ECHOING THE USUAL THEMES SUCH AS "US HANDS STAINED WITH CHILEAN BLOOD," "DOWN WITH FASCIST-MAOIST-IMPERIALIST AXIS IN CHILE," AND "US TALK OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHEER HYPOCRISY." (CURIOSLY, ONE OF THE PLACARDS CONDEMNED "MAOIST SUPPORT FOR CHILEAN JUNTA;"

HOWEVER, THE PYO APPARENTLY DID NOT PICKET THE PRC
EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN.)

3. COMMENT: THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF CHILEAN SOLI-
DARITY WEEK BY THE RULING PNC IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
THE PARTY'S CAMPAIGN TO PROVE THAT ITS REVOLUTIONARY
CREDENTIALS ARE EVERY BIT AS GOOD OR BETTER THAN THOSE
OF DR. CHEDDI JAGAN'S PPP AND THAT IT IS WILLING AND
EAGER TO SUPPORT "PROGRESSIVE" MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.
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